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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SECSTATE MAY 8, FROM MEXICO REPEATED
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SUBJECT: MISSION MONTHLY NARCOTICS REVIEW FOR APRIL 1973

REF: MEXICO 2509

1. SUMMARY PROGRESS WAS NOTED DURING THE MONTH ON
VARIOUS US- SPONSORED PROJECTS WITH THE GOM, VIZ., HERBICIDE
RESEARCH PROJECT, POSSIBLE JOINT PARTICIPATION IN
EPIDEMIOLOGICAL AND MARIJUANA USAGE STUDIES AND THE
CUSTOMS- TO- CUSTOMS PROGRAM' S PROVISION OF AIRCRAFT
AND RADIOS. WHILE AN UNFLATTERING REPORT CONCERNING
ANTI- NARCOTICS EFFORTS IN NUEVO LAREDO WAS SUBMITTED BY
DAO, PROGRESS IS BEING MADE BY THE GOM IN ITS CURRENT
MARIJUANA AND POPPY FIELD DESTRUCTION CAMPAIGNS. COCAINE
SHIPMENTS ALSO APPEAR TO BE ON THE RISE. END SUMMARY.

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2. MISSION- GOM ACTIVITIES

A. A REVISED VERSION OF THE AMBASSADOR' S STATE-
MENT, " MEXICAN DRUG LAWS AND AMERICAN VISITORS" WAS
PREPARED FOR PUBLICATION. AMBASSADOR MCBRIDE EMPHASIZED
THEREIN THE FACT THAT SEVERE ENFORCEMENT AND JUDICIAL
ACTION IS TAKEN AGAINST POSSESSORS AND USERS OF ALL DRUGS
INCLUDING MARIJUANA.

B. THE HERBICIDE RESEARCH PROJECT HAS BEEN DISCUSSED
FURTHER WITH THE GOM. WASHINGTON' S REPLY TO QUESTIONS
POSED BY FOREIGN SECRETARIAT DIRECTOR IN CHIEF CASTRO Y
CASTRO HAVE HELPED DISPEL SOME PREVIOUS GOM HESITANCY
CONCERNING THE PROJECT (MEXICO 2891). HOWEVER, AGREEMENT
FOR POSITIVE ACTIONY PAYMENT
OF TEN PERCENT DEPOSIT MADE BY GOA FOR ANY FY-72 MAP TRAINING
SINCE NO BILLING YET PRESENTED FOR THAT YEAR.
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